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## Mark B. Levin

Mark B. Levin, Executive Director of NCSJ, was appointed to this position in October 1992. Mr. Levin is one of the organized Jewish community's leading experts on national and international political and legislative issues, and has led the organized Jewish community effort in supporting financial and technical assistance to the new independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Levin has twice served as a Public Member of the U.S. Delegation to meetings of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE): the June 2003 Conference on Anti-Semitism, in Vienna, and the November 1994 Review Meeting, in Budapest. In addition, Mr. Levin has represented NCSJ at many other OSCE meetings, and served as a Public Advisor for the U.S. Delegation to the OSCE's April 2004 Berlin Conference on Anti-Semitism.

Over the years, he has traveled extensively, representing NCSJ and the Soviet Jewry advocacy movement. In October 1992, Mr. Levin was the Scholar-in-Residence for the UJA Young Leadership Chazak Mission to Russia and Israel. Mr. Levin made his first trip to Russia in 1982, leading a Congressional delegation which met with Soviet officials and Jewish activists. He organized the First International Parliamentary Spouses for Soviet Jews Conference in Washington, DC. Mr. Levin played an instrumental role in the creation of the Congressional Coalition for Soviet Jews – one of the largest Congressional caucuses ever formed. He has also represented NCSJ at Democratic and Republican National Conventions since 1980.

In December 1987, as a member of the Summit Task Force, Mr. Levin was a key figure in organizing the Washington Mobilization on behalf of Soviet Jews which brought more than 250,000 people to the nation's capital. (In 2002, he again worked closely with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and other NCSJ member agencies to organize the massive April 15 National Rally for Israel.)

From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Levin served as Director of the NCSJ's Washington office. He has been a member of the organization's professional staff since 1980. Prior to coming to NCSJ, he worked for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Mr. Levin is a graduate of the University of Maryland.